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Mr. Frank Barnett
Umetco Minerals Corporation
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Dear Mr. Barnett:

Re: Mine Permits and Plans for Umetco Mines in Utah, M/037/026, San Juan County, Utah

Please find enclosed copies of the plans you requested for all of the Umetco sites located in Utah. The sites include: M/037/006, M/037/012, M/037/023, M/037/025, M/037/026, M/037/027, M/037/040, M/037/043, M/037/046, S/037/054 and S/037/062.

I looked over each plan briefly. For the most part, they are weakly detailed and non-specific. None of the plans have been granted any variances from the Utah reclamation standards. The seed mixes are weak and no commitments are made for soil amendments pending test plot analysis.

If you do decide to reclaim some of these sites, I would suggest that you put together a brief description of the reclamation steps you plan to follow. This would include topsoil reapplication (if required), regrading, mine opening closure, seed application and mix, etc. Where topsoil was non-existent before, because of pre-law mining disturbance (pre-1975), then Umetco is not obligated to salvage topsoil. If the site was disturbed post-law, and topsoil was not salvaged, then we need to discuss using a barrow area.

Let me know what you plan to do and if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Holland Shepherd
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosures
cc: Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor
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